P. S. I have just learned Edward Clark Esqr of Windham is appointed first judge of County Court. 2 of the judges are abolitionists

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will be directed to other sins untill *every* sin shall be abandoned and *every* evil removed. I trust important results will attend this enterprise in addition to the abolishing of Slavery. *all* Christians. I hope will learn the importance of "Striving *together*" in the suppression of all vice and *all* wrong

But to come to the object of this letter. we organized our A.S. Society day before yesterday. have raised no funds as yet but I think the Society will not be backward on that score. I have spent about 15 Dollars myself within a few weeks purchasing Books of information to circulate in favour of the cause I mention the above lest you should think strange of my requesting publications without sending something to the funds of the Society. If you are disposed to put me up a Box of Books and Direct them to the care of E. A. Bill Norwich Ct. I will endeavour to give them the most u-full circulation I can. the Bundle of Books or periodicals sent me through Providence are delayed and I expect I shall not receive some of them at all. my object is not to circulate principally in this town but in towns around

As soon as you conclude to visit us let me know by mail. and I will endeavour to be with you in this and some adjoining towns. let me know at what time you will be at my house and the time you will spend in Chaplin and I will have appointments given out notify me as early as you can. otherwise I may be absent I think of being at Newport the 24 *inst.* but am not determined. if Book or periodical should be sent me as above proposed notify me by mail. I must bid you God Speed and adieu. praying that we may so put on Jesus Christ that all who behold us [illegible] may something of Christianity

Elias: Sharpe

soon become numerous.- Last week I attended the
Quarterly Christian Conference in Providence. and introduced
a resolution, or two. purporting: That we regard equally the
rights &c. of the white and colored population of our country
and that we would cooperate in any measures for their
improvement that Slavery was unnatural- that it was
productive of evil misery and Sin and that it ought to cease
&c. I was somewhat disappointed to find every minister belong
-ing to the Conference present and some from Mass. Abolitionists
it was thought best for the cause to let those resolutions
be referred to our General annual Conference to be convened
the first Wednesday in Septr. next. I trust the people
with whom I am associated will prove themselves worthy of the
name they take. and (at least in the free States) all unite
in their testimony against and in efforts to remove ~~the~~ a
system productive of so much misery as Slavery
One of the Judges of our County Court is President of
the Antislavery Society in Hampton. which circumstance
must not be very flattering to the Williamantic
rioters. We have reason to expect but little help at
present from mere politicians and Statesmen. such
follow where blind selfinterest may lead.- our hopes are
alone on the conscientious virtuous and good of all classes and
God the fountain of all goodness- as soon as properly
enlightened duty will most imperiously demand the
sincere and godlike of all sects to lend their aid in so good
a work. and if they stand aloof their conscience will accuse
them and they will cease to be good. I look upon this cause
as a point around which all the religious or moral strength
of our country will and must be gathered. and should we succeed in victory
over this Sin and remove this evil. I hope the same united effort

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I conclude a brief account of our prospects may be acceptable
to you. I have not been able to attend to business of your
communication. for want of time. and being convinced
from acquaintance with some of our leading men in the
Sennate and House (having conversed with them on the
subject) that nothing would be done against Abolitionists
I have done nothing about a petition.. my engagements were
such I could not attend to it. two weeks ago we formed an
antislavery Society in Chaplin. I circulated the constitution
only in my neighborhood and readily obtaind 26 signatures
of heads of families other parts of the town are as ready
to join I should think. and if the constitution is circulated
I should think we should get 100 or more to join. our
Town is small. but the weight of character is on our side
if not a majority of numbers. we have had no lectures Br
Burleigh came into the town but the friends thought as we
were situated it was not best to have a meeting. not
because we expected disturbance. but because it was believed
that those who were not friend to the cause might more
readily find some excuse for oposition and commit themsel-
-ves to that side. which would make it more difficult to
convince them afterward. we have had meetings once in two
weeks for some time to discuss the principles of Abolition
and slavery. all parties have come forward in good feeling
and been treated courteously. the result is many have become
friends and those who are not. have not made such
unreasonable oposition as to render it very mortifying
to fall into our ranks. and we expect they generally
will on further reflection. Our corresponding secretary
will forward an account of our organisation. In Hampton
the cause will meet with little oposition. the society will